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To whom it may concern:

I am a member of the Peyton Volunteer Fire Department in El Paso County, Colorado. I am writing to object strongly to the adoption of FCC PR Docket #92-235. If approved, these rules would force us as volunteers and as a department to purchase new equipment in order to maintain the same level of communications we now have.

Like other Volunteer Fire Departments, we operate on a very limited budget. In addition, those of us who wish to have communications must purchase radio equipment with our own funds. Since the change in rules would do away with mobile relay systems, it will not work as well as our present system. We cannot afford to throw away a good system, and in turn purchase a new one which will not work as well.

Volunteer Fire Departments provide fire protection and emergency medical treatment for the majority of our county. Our county area is 2,159 square miles, with elevations ranging from 6,000 feet to over 14,000 feet. Because of these extremes in terrain, the only way to link fire departments together is through a mobile relay system. This linking is extremely important, since multiple departments are often needed for a single emergency. It is also our only link to the one metropolitan area in our county, Colorado Springs, and to flight-for-life, emergency services, and hospitals. This link is critical for public safety, and is in the public interest.

For these reasons, I am strongly opposed to FCC PR Docket #92-235. Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Sincerely,


Monty L. Winters

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